

ASSOCIATED **AFPD**
FOOD & PETROLEUM DEALERS, INC.

To: House Commerce Committee Members

From: Associated Food & Petroleum Dealers

Date: January 29, 2008

Re: House Bill 4444

HB 4444: The Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers Association of Michigan has had a long standing policy of opposing increased penalties to owners or employees of businesses that are guilty of selling tobacco products to minors unless the penalties assessed to the minor that attempts to make the illegal purchase are also increased.

Despite supporting increased penalties for violations of the Youth Tobacco Act for sales that are generated via internet, mail order, or telephone, AFPD must oppose HB 4444 unless either the increased penalties for direct sales are removed, or penalties for minors that attempt to make the illegal purchase of tobacco products are also increased.